

March 29, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
The Honorable Robert McDowell
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Big Bend Telephone Company Petition for Waiver, WC Docket No. 10-90,
GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337,
CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109,
WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), I write in support of the Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc. (BBTC) request for a waiver of three universal service rules.

BBTC provides communications services to a large geographical area of rural Texas near the Mexican border. Any lack or disruption of service in this area would impact several TxDOT facilities in Langtry, Presidio, Sanderson, and Terlingua, Texas. Our facilities in these Texas cities receive telephone, internet, and radio services from BBTC, and a disruption of communications service would impact our transportation operations and services throughout the region.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this critical matter. If you have questions, you can reach me at (512) 305-9501, or your staff may contact Andrea Lofye with Federal Affairs at (512) 475-1409.

Sincerely,



Phil Wilson
Executive Director

cc: Texas Transportation Commission
Andrea Lofye, Federal Affairs, TxDOT